HEATHFIELD NEWS

1ST APRIL 2022 SCOTLAND ROAD CAMPUS



Attendance for the whole school for last week was 95.1%						
If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725						
Seahorses		Dolphins	Foxes	Badgers	Hares	
93.9%		96.3%	93.1%	96.3%	96.9%	
Flamingos	Toucans	Parrots	Lions	Tigers	Jaguars	
96.1%	90.7%	90.8%	97.7%	97.6%	96.1%	

Congratulations to the Lions who achieved 97.7% attendance and have won gold, Tigers who have won silver and Hares who have won bronze.

We break up Today 1st April for our Easter Break. All children should return to school on Tuesday 19th April. Our safeguarding team are available over email in the holidays – families@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk

What's Been Happening in School:

Year 1 & 2	This week in English Y1&2 have been writing a recount of their trip to Conkers, working hard to included time openers and conjunctions in their writing. In Maths this week Y1 have been working on comparing the capacity of different containers. Y2 have continued working on fractions of a shape and solving fraction problems. In topic this week KS1 have been working very hard on their hand puppets by sewing them together to make woodland animals. It was lovely to see all the concentration that went into the sewing!
Year 3 & 4	This week, some of our year 4s have been on a residential to PGL. They had a great time and loved telling us all of their stories and adventures when they got back! In English, Y3/4 have been writing up their instructions for their video games, working hard to include all the features we covered last week. There have been some great ideas for games. In Maths, we have been working on fluency in the four operations. The children have been finishing off their designs and making their 3D video game boxes in DT. They have been using the iPads to continue their coding. Some children even managed to design their own games!
Year 5 & 6	On Greek Day, Y5&6 had the opportunity to learn more about Greek culture, games, weapons, the Olympics and famous Greeks. The children had a great time and all their outfits looked great! In English, we have looked at different adaptations of the myth Pandora's Box to help inspire our own narrative. They have included lots of engaging techniques (kennings, figurative language and description of the senses) to help build atmosphere in their story. In Maths, Y5s have been introduced to decimals and Y6s have recapped volume. In Topic, Y5&6 have made and tasted a Greek Salad. All the children enjoyed preparing the ingredients; most enjoyed trying something new – even olives!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you once again for your support and co-operation this Spring Term. I am delighted that we are increasingly being able to deliver the Heathfield Pledge as an integral part of the Heathfield Curriculum and that you continue to place your trust in us. Your children have really embraced these recent experiences and opportunities with such enthusiasm – they have clearly been a missed feature of our curriculum because of the pandemic.

I remain optimistic that this offer will continue to increase during the summer term but we will continue to mitigate risk with good hygiene, social distance where possible and in well-ventilated areas. This includes opportunities for parents/carers to engage in the children's learning.

School closes Friday 1st April and reopens Tuesday 19th April, Thank you, Mr Fullwood

Midday Supervisor Vacancies: We have Midday Supervisor vacancies across both of our campuses working for one hour and 25 minutes per day between 11:30am and 1:30pm. If you or anyone you know are interested in these please collect an application form from the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Library service consultation: Please click on the link below to respond to a consultation on the future of the library service in Nottingham. This may have an impact on the library in Basford - https://bit.ly/3ulQyeo



Keeping Well This Spring: Follow this link for an information leaflet from your Children's Public Health 0-19 Nursing Service, April 2022 'Keeping well this Spring' https://bit.ly/3NvsXkz

Website Photographs: We would like to start including photographs of the children on our website to showcase the learning they are doing in school.

Please update your website photo consent using this link: https://forms.office.com/r/rr0A3mxD7p

Year 5 York Residential: Thank you to everyone that expressed interest in the 2022 York residential. To follow up, Mr Battison will be holding a short meeting where parents are invited to come long to find out more information about the residential and the costs involved. The meeting will be held on Thursday 21st April in the school hall at 3:30. If you are unable to make the meeting, all relevant information will be sent electronically to all parents who expressed interest in the residential.

IntoUniversity Academic support: IntoUniversity centres provide a quiet, safe and fun classroom environment for children and young people aged seven and up to support them academically free of charge, with support from trained full-time staff and volunteers.

After school, they run an Academic Support programme, which is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for primary aged children aged seven and up. As parents, you can register your child/children with them to gain a place at Academic Support. Once you have got in touch with them, they will check if your child/children meets their criteria.

The centres are also running a two-day Year 6 SATs revision programme in the Easter holidays, with one day focusing on English and the other day focusing on Maths. Again, this opportunity will only be open to children who individually meet their criteria and places will be offered on a first-come-first-served-basis.

For further information and to contact them, please visit - https://intouniversity.org/get-involved-with- intouniversity/for-parents-and-carers/



Summer Menus: When we return after the Easter break we will have a change of menu. Your Edwards child should have brought home a paper version this week. The new menu are on our school website, the links are as follows:

KS1 menu: https://bit.ly/3uCXLHf KS2 menu: https://bit.ly/3Dlsk8g

Friday Rainbow Club: The same criteria apply for entry to Rainbow Club this half term, if your circumstances haven't changed your child will stay on the register. If your circumstances have changed and you need your child to join the club, please speak to the office. If you no longer require your child to attend and you can collect them at 12:50pm then please speak to the office and the registers can be updated. Friday is still a school day and the children receive 2 register marks. Friday attendance has dropped recently so remember your child is missing 3 hours of quality learning time if you do not bring them to



Early Birds Breakfast Club: The club is completely free and will run every morning from 8:15am. There is no need to book a place, simply wait at the office door to be let in. Children will be offered a free breakfast and have the chance to socialise with their friends before starting the normal school day. We are, unfortunately unable to accommodate nursery children.



All children should enter the club by 8:30am. If you arrive after this time then you will have to wait until the gates open at 8:40am and drop your child off as normal. We are unable to serve breakfast after 8:30am.

All pupils are expected to achieve the attendance target of at least 96.5%

Holidays in Term Time Will Not Be Authorised

Families taking a holiday during term time are at risk of legal action and/or a Penalty Notice being issued

Attendance Did you know that... Matters

1 day off in a school week will mean that your child has only achieved 80% attendance that week?

Attendance

- 5 days of absence in a 6-week half term means that your child has only achieved 83.4% for the half term!
- Attendance below 90% means that your child is in the persistent absentee category and could result in a referral to the local authority for legal action to be considered!

Contacting school on the first day of your child's absence prevents unnecessary texts or phone calls being made and avoids staff having to carry out a home visit.

Poor attendance is considered a safeguarding concern.

Please help us to get all pupils into school every day and on time!

Autism Awareness: "Heathfield will be raising awareness for Autism on Friday 22nd April. Please wear something Blue. In school we will be thinking about what Autism is and how we can support each other so we can all be happy, safe and confident."

Sign up to School Gateway: Thank you to those of you that have signed up and are now using School Gateway to make payments. As we are a "cashless" school, all payments will need to be made via the app, online bank transfer or credit or debit card.

Please make sure that you download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). If you do not have a smartphone, you can still pay online via the website www.schoolgateway.com. The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school the cost of a text message. Please follow the following instructions to register and receive your PIN.

- 1. Click on "New User". Fill in the email address and mobile number and press the "Send PIN" button. You will then be sent a new PIN number by text.
- 2. Enter PIN and press "Login" you will then see a message allowing you to receive notifications from Heathfield.
- Click on the "home" icon and you will have a payment request for dinners, paid clubs, trips, etc. Click on "My Payments" and you can then make online payments, and view balances. If you are unable to register, it may be because your details do not match those we have on file for you therefore please contact the school office who will check your details with you or access https://schoolgateway.co.uk/help/



<u>Heathfield is a Nut Free Zone</u>: We now have children within our school that have nut allergies, even the aroma of nuts can generate fits or the need for medical attention. To avoid this we are asking that if your child brings a packed lunch, either to eat during lunch time at school or to eat whilst out on a school trip, that you do not include nut-based foods or foods made from any nuts in their packed lunch. This includes things like chocolate spread. Thank you for your consideration.

Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

This half term we have been focusing on our well-being area of 'Give'

Most people would agree that giving to others is a wonderful idea. It shows kindness, empathy and support. When you give to others it can have a direct positive effect on your own mental wellbeing. Small acts of kindness towards other people, or larger acts – such as volunteering in your local community – can give you a sense of purpose and make you feel happier and more satisfied about life.

5 Benefits of Giving

- Giving makes us feel happy
- Giving is good for health
- Giving helps social connection
- Giving evokes gratitude
- Giving is contagious



KIDS IN THE WILD

IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?

ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?

DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?

Channel 4 and the producers of *Junior Bake Off* are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

VISIT WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK

REMAIL KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK



Free Fun and Food - Easter

Our Easter holiday activities are on again and places can be booked on <u>Ask Lion</u> Attached is a flyer with full details.





FREE EVENT from Nottingham City Council WELCOME TO FREEDOM FOUNDATION

Developing children's mental well-being through creative arts

FREEDOM FOUNDATION APPROACH

Freedom Foundation CIC is an organisation that empowers children and young people to explore their individuality, learn to value themselves and build their confidence using the creative arts.

FREEDOM FOUNDATION MISSION

Our mission is to educate and motivate the minds of young people, to explore who they are and who they could be, whilst unlocking their talents and nurturing their creative individuality through our development programmes.

FREEDOM FOUNDATION VISION

Our vision is to improve the emotional and mental wellbeing of children and young people by inspiring them to believe that creative thinking can lead to achieving anything.

OVERCOMING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES We take a holistic approach to educating, motivating and empowering children to participate and share their feelings and ideas. Our programmes teach young people to value themselves without comparison, equip them to cope better with difficult circumstances, preventing them from experiencing common mental health problems before they become serious issues.

FREEDOM FOUNDATION AND THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND

As part of the Nottingham City Holiday Activity Fund offer, Freedom Foundation will deliver music and dance sessions in the Easter holidays to offer children the opportunity to learn about working within the commercial industry as a dancer and singer/songwriter. The sessions will be led by our experienced dance facilitators and will include dance based on commercial styles, learning various hip-hop techniques, understanding routines and choreography, singing popular music, learning to rap or spit bars and developing song writing techniques through collaboration.

FREEDOM FOUNDATION HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND DATES AND VENUES

Each Freedom Foundation music and dance session will take place for 4 hours per day across 4 days of the week at a variety of venues across Nottingham City. You can choose the venue(s) where you would like your child to attend a Freedom Foundation session. All sessions take place over 4 days and where possible children should attend on all 4 days. If your child is unable to attend on a particular day, please let us know as soon as possible by using the contact details below.

COST AND RESOURCES

All sessions are free of charge and your child will be provided with food and a Freedom Foundation T-shirt, song writing book and pencil. Comfortable clothing and flat shoes are advised for all sessions.

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Website www.freedomfoundationuk.org

Covid protocols at Heathfield

Although there is no longer the legal requirement to self-isolate, a child with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a PCR test and will not be allowed to attend school while awaiting the result or if the subsequent result is positive. Children with symptoms who do not obtain a PCR test must remain away from school. Parents/carers will still be asked to collect their child if they develop symptoms whilst at school

In these cases, children must stay away from school for 5 full days and may return after if they obtain 2 negative lateral flow test results on consecutive days, or after a total of 10 full days after the symptoms started, but only if they feel well.

The three main symptoms remain:

- · a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- · a loss or change to sense of smell or taste this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Children should continue to attend school if they have not tested positive for COVID-19 and are well enough to do so. Children who are at home should access remote learning, therefore please inform school when your child is well enough to engage in their learning.

Furthermore, it is no longer advised that pupil close contacts need to test daily for 7 days and pupils in mainstream secondary schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing. However, the school may be advised by our local public health team to recommend lateral flow device (LFD) tests to manage an outbreak.

Please be reassured that for most children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, at Heathfield we will continue to: observe good hand hygiene; cleaning regimes; ventilation requirements and other measures to manage the risk of transmission. Your continued support and co-operation are appreciated.